

### **REMARKS**

The present Amendment amends claims 8-11, 15, 16 and 18-23 and leaves claims 12-14 and 17 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 8-23.

The Examiner is strongly urged to contact Applicants' Attorney by telephone should any further indefinite matter be discovered so that appropriate amendments may be made.

Claims 8-23 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as their invention. Various amendments were made throughout claims 8-23 to bring them into conformity with the requirements of 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Therefore, Applicants submit that this rejection is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Specifically, amendments were made throughout claims 8-23 to overcome the objections noted by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Applicants note that the only rejection of the claims is the above described rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. As indicated above, amendments were made to the claims so as to overcome the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection. Thus, the only rejection of the claims as set forth in the Office Action has been overcome. Therefore, the claims are now allowable over the prior art of record.

It should be noted that the amendments made to the claims so as to bring the claims into conformity with the requirements of 35 USC §112, second paragraph are amendments that should have been reasonably anticipated by the Examiner and as such do not raise issues nor change the

scope of the claims in a manner not already contemplated by the Examiner. Accordingly, the amendments made to the claims do not require further consideration and/or search on the part of the Examiner.

Based on the above, Applicants submit that claims 8-23 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of the present application based on claims 8-23 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 8-23 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 8-23 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (520.42961X00).

Respectfully submitted,

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